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As the week began prices were unchanged in most areas except New York where prices were higher on the larger sizes but unchanged on mediums. As the week progressed prices were higher on all sizes in New York and unchanged in the remaining locations. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to tight and held with confidence. Breaking stock prices with checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand and trading were light to at times moderate. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with a light to moderate demand. The trade sentiment was steady. Schedules were full-time. Removal prices were 5-11 cents, mostly 6-9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were mostly higher. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best into areas with feature activity. Loose egg demand was moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight and were held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with trading and demand light to at times moderate. Floor stocks were fully adequate for current needs. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	40-50	41-47
LARGE	39-49	40-43
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were present. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Spent hens were adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-64	50-53
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.50	51.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	39.00
MIDWEST	44.00	41.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	48.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.96	47.61	39.63

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-18-05	10-11-05	10-19-04
Large	22-31	22-31	22-29
Medium	17-21	17-21	7-11

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 17, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.2	18.2	7.1	11.2	11.6	59.3
	Change	-2.3	1.5	2.0	-3.3	0.2	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	35.3	53.1	14.7	26.8	36.6	166.5
	Change	2.6	-10.2	1.1	-2.2	-5.1	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	71.7	154.1	56.4	86.6	110.5	479.3
	Change	8.8	-37.9	-2.1	-12.6	4.2	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.7	52.7	16.0	19.9	28.3	125.6
	Change	-2.0	0.6	-2.8	-2.8	0.1	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	8.7	2.9	3.0	3.9	20.9
	Change	-0.7	1.2	-1.4	0.6	0.2	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	30.9	10.5	17.4	3.6	68.1
	Change	1.1	-1.1	-2.4	4.0	-0.6	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	74.8	31.0	35.1	28.7	194.2
	Change	2.3	29.1	1.5	-5.7	-3.7	14%
Total	Curr Wk	159.6	392.5	138.6	200.0	223.2	1113.9
Percent	Change	7%	-4%	-3%	-10%	-2%	-3%

TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1113.9	-3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.0	-5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1352.9	-4%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 15-OCT-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,397,621	35,200	12,766	6,588	3,588	4,601
PW	1,386,852	32,812	13,386	7,279	3,055	4,640
LY	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
% Chg PWK	1%	7%	-5%	-9%	17%	-1%
% Chg LY	5%	14%	-6%	-7%	44%	1%
2005	53,907,203	1,272,905	526,800	281,955	121,252	181,847
2004	50,672,608	1,201,087	487,919	263,575	112,049	173,661
% Change YTD	6%	6%	8%	7%	8%	5%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.33	41.91	42.14
(Inedible Excluded)	39.03	38.56	38.723

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	595,439	42.6%	16,337	46.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	607,998	43.8%	15,673	47.8%
LAST YEAR	510,507	38.3%	13,081	42.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 08	OCT 15	OCT 08	OCT 15
	Thousand			
AL	31,002	30,242	*21,140	20,643
AR	30,967	29,236	23,250	23,736
DE	3,810	3,767	5,142	5,742
FL	1,364	1,384	*1,492	1,471
GA	33,740	32,415	*25,903	26,418
KY	*6,745	5,986	*5,344	6,131
LA	4,136	4,136	3,260	3,381
MD	8,670	8,813	5,296	5,357
MS	17,672	18,412	15,415	16,554
NC	17,170	17,334	13,917	14,620
OK	6,496	6,590	5,028	3,965
PA	*4,190	4,157	*2,784	2,892
SC	4,939	5,093	4,476	3,630
TX	14,561	14,806	12,299	12,960
VA	6,245	6,009	4,925	4,922
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,541	17,115	*16,224	16,188

19 State Total *210,248 205,495 *165,895 168,610

Previous Year Total 203,011 196,265 160,797 164,297

Pct. of Prev. Year 104 105 103 103

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Nov-05 is estimated at 153.9 million head. This compares to 154.6 million head the previous week and to 153.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.36 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/13/05-10/19/05

CURRENT LDS 71.25 FUTURE LDS 66.75 TOTAL LDS 138.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.25	36.00	31.42	33.38	—	37.00	15.00
GNR W 3	—	28.00	—	—	23.50	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	1.00
GL W XL	44.67	47.38	41.92	43.21	40.08	—	41.75
GL W LG	—	43.43	213.75	41.00	35.50	33.00	22.00
GL W MD	—	35.00	31.50	32.64	28.75	31.00	11.75
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	22.00	23.75	22.75	25.75	7.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	34.00	—	—	.25
NRBS - 48	23.00	27.00	—	—	34.86	32.89	46.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	22.30	24.80	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-OCT-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	27.0	27.7	-3	-10
Boston	3.3	3.3	0	3
Chicago	95.4	92.0	4	53
Detroit	23.2	21.8	6	-15
Kansas City	2.9	2.9	0	0
Los Angeles	120.0	111.2	8	39
New Orleans	5.7	5.5	4	-30
New York	29.4	30.6	-4	-8
St. Louis	15.8	16.6	-5	-14
San Francisco	18.7	18.4	2	-6
Total	341.4	330.0	3	18
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-OCT-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Avg Wt	16.66	35.94	25.32	36.72	27.99
Last week	1,955	2,749	13	9	4,726
Same wk yr ago	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Avg Wt	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
To-date/2005	72,654	105,869	971	182	179,676
To-date/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 15-OCT-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	727	-7	23.64	(A) 728 23.64
South Atlantic	752	1	29.89	(A) 753 29.89
North Central	2,171	0	31.39	(A) 2,172 31.39
South Central	622	-2	19.33	(A) 623 19.33
West	282	-28	24.06	(A) 283 24.06
U.S. total	4,554(B)	-3	27.99	5 4,559 27.99
To-date				
2005	179,494(B)		182	179,676
To-date				
2004	177,475(B)		300	177,775

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 971,000; for last year to date 2,120,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 15-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823	498
Avg Wt	5.50	3.31	7.98	5.79	6.98
Last week	166,544	1,250	1,445	2,695	518
Same wk yr ago	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Avg Wt	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75	6.76
To-date/2005	6,614,426	59,844	58,095	117,939	20,342
To-date/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403	19,155

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-05**

CLASS	Current Week 10/22/05(1)	Previous Week 10/15/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	168,259(2)	169,102
Light hens	1,051	1,369
Heavy hens	1,438	1,535
Total	170,748	172,006

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Oct-05 is 164.3 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.6 million head or 4.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Oct-05 the estimated available is 161.8 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
Year to date	6694.6	6753.6	99%	
October 22		160.7		
29		162.2		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 17-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	60.00-63.00	63.66	39 :	64.26 73
Los Angeles	82.00	80.42	60 :	72.19 161
New York	63.00-66.00	64.87	23 :	66.94 63

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

17-OCT-2005	Change from 10-OCT-2005	10-OCT-2005	18-OCT-2004
68.81	-.77	69.58	67.90

NUMBER OF LOADS 609

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	81-85	81	81.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	81-87	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	81-86	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	81-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	81	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	81-82	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 10/17/05	3,447	101,234	59,613
AM 10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG	97	-13827	4586
PCT CHG	3%	-12%	8%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-OCT-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.58
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12.75-13.5	12.79

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

14-OCT-05	REMOVAL COST RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-13	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-11	6-9

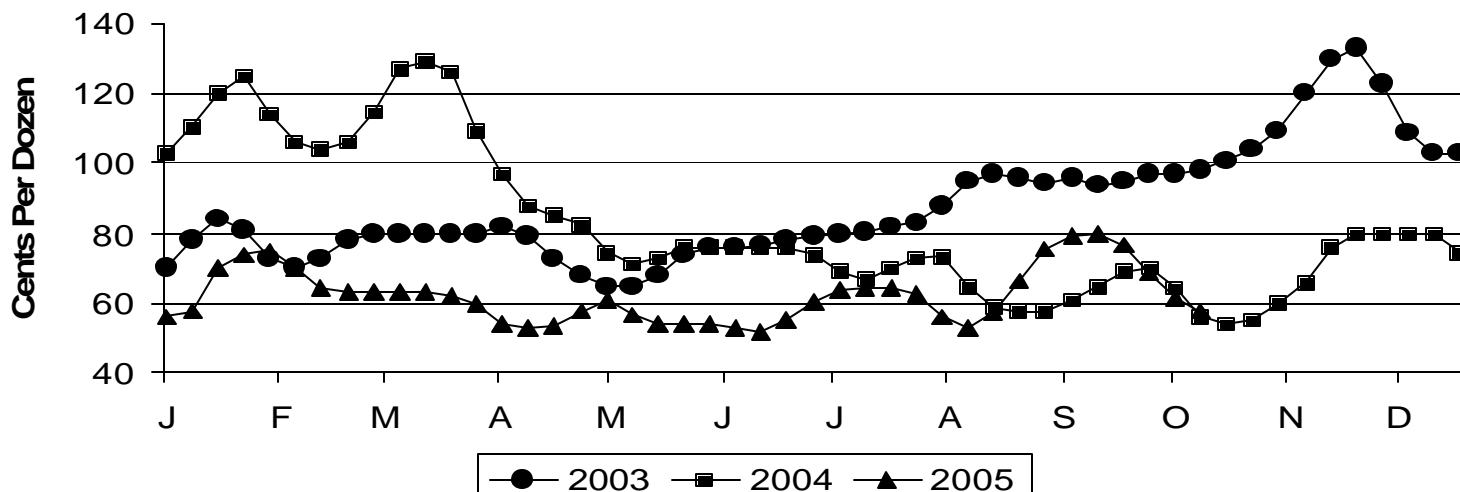
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

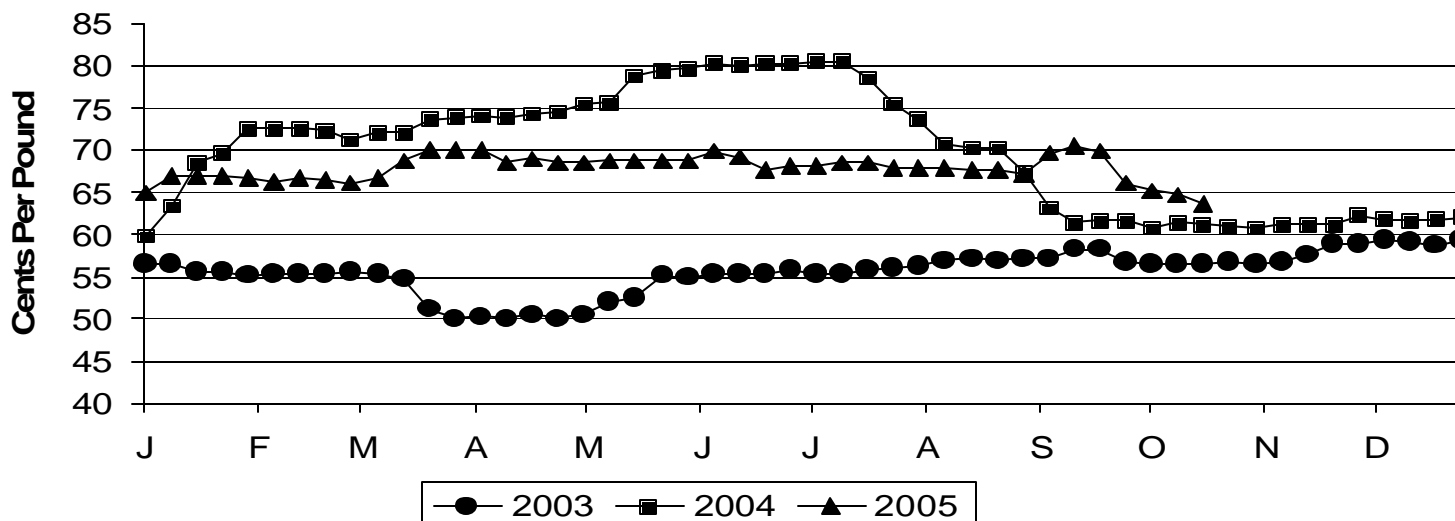
W/E 15-Oct-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	241.9	2	-4
East North Central	596.7	-2	10
West North Central	305.4	12	10
South Atlantic	194.7	-2	-10
South Central	63.2	5	-10
West	213.2	7	21
Total	1615.1	-1	5
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

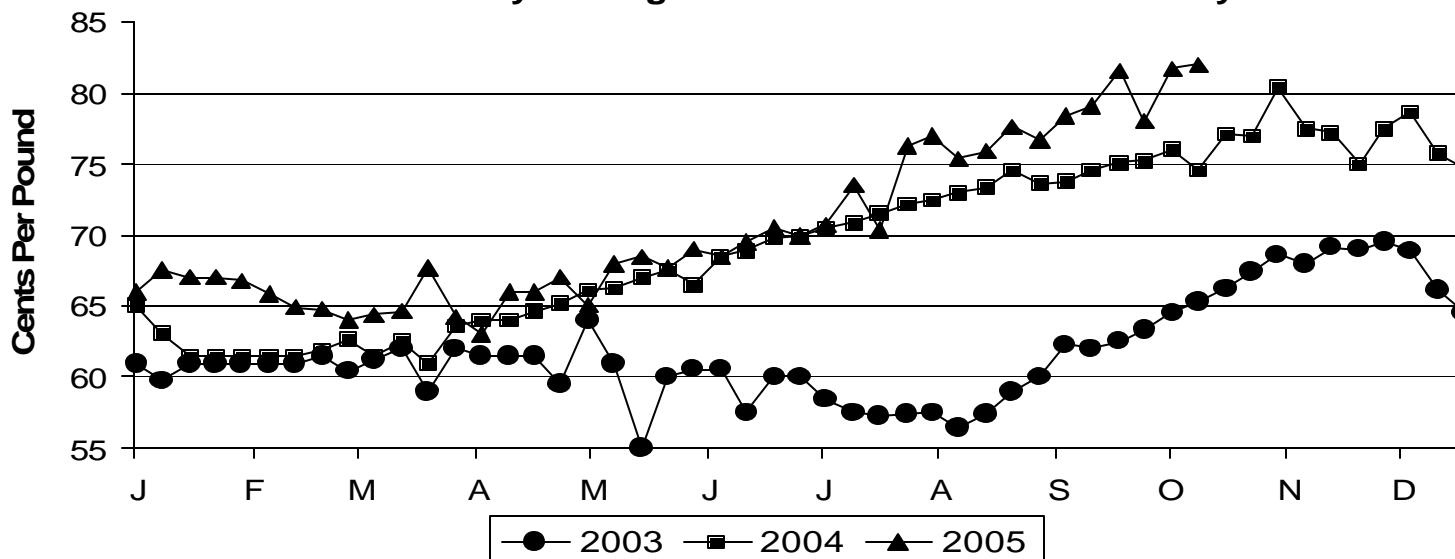
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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